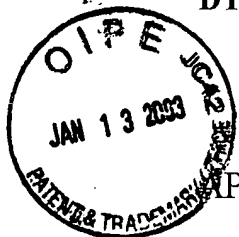


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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR sections 1.97 and 1.98, applicant respectfully requests that the documents listed on the attached form PTO-1449, be made of record and considered in connection with the examination of this application. Copies of the listed document are enclosed. A translation of the foreign language document(s) is not readily available.

The documents submitted herewith were cited in a German application corresponding to the above-referenced application.

U.S. Patent No. 5,582,448 discloses a switch mechanism for a vehicle door locking device.

German Patent No. 162,522 discloses a hook locking device for a shutter. The hook locking device is mounted on a window wing and the shutter is provided

with an eye bolt 9 which interacts with hook 7. The hook can be secured in the locking position with safety device 10.

German Patent No. 3,337,202 discloses a locking device for a pivotable closure. The element designated with Reference No. 1 in the figures is not part of the main locking device. The locking is effected between bolt 13 which is fixed to the closure. The further locking element is located in casing 3. Element 1 is just an additional safety element allowing bolt 13 to escape from slot 19 in casing 3 when the hook 8 is manually actuated.

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